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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yasuaki NAKAMURA et al.
Serial No.: 10/077,966
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For: DATA STORAGE SYSTEM AND CONTROL METHOD
THEREOF
Group: 2144
Examiner: T. Pham

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 3, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 14, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.